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Akita Sensei was born in Gifu, Japan, in April 1965. His house was surrounded by the river and the mountains. They had been his "Dojo" and catching fish and chasing animals had been his training during childhood. Akita Sensei started his martial arts training in primary school, where he studied Sumo, Kendo and Judo. At the age of twelve, he was introduced to Karate by Matsuda Sensei and invited to his Dojo in Gifu where also Aragane Sensei and many other graduates from the famous Takudai Karate Club were training those days.

At the age of eighteen, Akita Sensei matriculated in the Takushoku University in Tokyo – one of the oldest universities in Japan – with Commerce as his major subject and joined the Takudai Karate Club. He had trained under Tsuyama Sensei until the age of twenty two. His colleagues had been Naka Sensei (JKA HQ), Taniyama Sensei (JKA HQ) and Murakami Sensei (SKI HQ). During this period, Akita Sensei entered many competitions (JKA and JKF) and has built the physical base of his Karate technique.



In 1988, after his graduation from university, Akita Sensei decided to train under Kawasoe Sensei and his members in the U.K. and became his assistant later on. He has worked with him for 15 years altogether. It has been an invaluable experience for Akita Sensei's Karate, looking up to Kawasoe Sensei as his master who has built his base of a fundamental understanding of "Karate".

Akita Sensei's Dojo "Takushinjuku" in West London was founded in 1994. In order to open its method to a broader public, in 2003 Akita Sensei established the Shotokan Karate Alliance (SKA) which now expands worldwide and brings several clubs and countries together. Being Chief Instructor of the Shotokan Karate Alliance International (SKAI), Akita Sensei teaches throughout whole Europe and the rest of the world, wishing to pass on his knowledge and skill to the Karate Ka and anyone who is interested regardless of sex, age, nationality, race or associations.